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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, ZA
SUBJ: POSSIBLE KAUNDA VISIT TO THE US

REF: LUSAKA 0726

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, PRESIDENT KAUNDA COUPLED HIS VISIT TO THE US IN 1975 WITH A VISIT TO CUBA. WE SUSPECT THAT HE DID SO, AT LEAST IN PART, OUT OF A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN HIS NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS, BOTH EXTERNALLY AND FOR HIS HOME AUDIENCE.
2. CHONA'S SUDDEN INTEREST IN THE YALE HONORARY DEGREE FOR KAUNDA AND A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER (REFTEL) COULD REFLECT A SIMILAR DESIRE TO BALANCE OFF PODGORNYS AND CASTRO'S VISIT TO LUSAKA. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS TRUE, BUT IT WOULD FIT IN WITH PAST PRACTICES AND WOULD BE IN LINE WITH KAUNDA'S CHARACTER.
3. IT MAY BE THAT KAUNDA WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US SOON AFTER THE CASTRO, PODGORNYS VISITS OR EVEN BETWEEN THE TWO THE END OF THIS WEEK.
4. TO DO SO OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE TO USE THE VISIT FOR HIS OWN

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DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGES IN THIS AS WELL AS THE OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGES. THE VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE US WOULD CERTAINLY BE POSITIVE. CASTRO'S LAST MINUTE SELF-INVITATION TO VISIT LUSAKA (WHICH IS NOT GREATLY APPRECIATED HERE) CAN THUS BE TURNED TO OUR ADVANTAGE. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET A RESPONSE TO CHONA'S QUERY CONTAINED REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LOW

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